Information Services Board Geographic Information Technology Committee Update

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Description
Briefing book update on the activities of the ISB Committee on Geographic Information Technology (GIT)

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Current Initiatives

1. Common Web Mapping Infrastructure Project & GIS Grant Funding Possibilities
Staff has been working with several federal, state, and local jurisdiction partners to leverage near term grant opportunities to facilitate launching the Web Mapping Infrastructure Project. The grant programs are associated with two federal initiatives, specifically; The National Map, and the federal E-Gov initiative: GeoSpatial One Stop. These opportunities have narrow response windows with proposals due April 30 and June 4 respectively. Proposals will focus on providing enterprise infrastructure for online access to selected significant geo-datasets.   The Committee will be briefed on details of proposal process at the June 3rd meeting.

2. Strategic Plan Development
The first comment draft of the strategic plan for GIT will be released in May. Plan objectives include:
- o Develop an Enterprise Architecture that meets shared GIT needs.
- o Identify optimal role for state as 'glue' that coordinates GIT needs across government jurisdictions, and identify best organizational and operational structure to meet those needs.
- o Produce multi-use geographic data through partnerships and integrate Washington Geospatial Framework Data Activities with the Washington GIT Enterprise Architecture.
- o Enhance data discovery and access through clearinghouse and a central portal.
- o Continue to develop standards as a means to facilitate data integration and access.
- o Protect sensitive data and attributes as necessary.
- o Facilitate creation of statewide local jurisdiction GIT forum with relationships to ISB through the GIT Committee, and Washington State Geographic Information Council (WAGIC).
- o Align state data and portal activities with the US Geologic Survey, National Map and Geospatial OneStop.

The ISB/GIT Committee will receive copies of the draft plan for discussion and comment at the June 3rd meeting.

3. Strengthening leadership continuity of WAGIC technical forum

Key staff to the ISB/GIT Committee comes from state agencies that belong to the GIS technical forum known as the Washington State Geographic Information Council (WAGIC). WAGIC is in the process of instituting bylaw changes to strengthen leadership continuity. The approved changes will formally establish two additional executive positions of Chair Elect and Immediate Past Chair. Once filled, the new positions will bring additional resources to council activities and make for more effective council leadership.

4. Planning underway to re-host and enhance the Washington State Spatial Data Clearinghouse

The Washington Clearinghouse is a registered node on the national network of standards based spatial data discovery clearinghouses known as the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). The WA clearinghouse operates through a partnership between University of Washington Map Libraries and College of Forest Resources, DIS, and WAGIC. Anticipated transition of the clearinghouse server administrator will necessitate an adjustment to the partnership and will provide an opportunity to revisit the state's approach to supporting spatial data discovery and access. Agency staffs see this as an opportunity to update clearinghouse capabilities to serve as a data catalog or data discovery mechanism directly linked to web mapping infrastructure initiative.

Next Meeting:
Scheduled for June 3, 2004

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